
GOVERNMENT NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

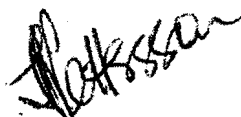
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MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 18 OF 1998)

RECOGNITION OF ABALONE FARMERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA AS AN INDUSTRY BODY FOR THE ABALONE AQUACULTURE SECTOR IN SOUTH AFRICA

I, Tina Joemat-Pettersson, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, hereby, in terms of section 8 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) recognize the Abalone Farmers Association of South Africa (AFASA) as an industry body representing the abalone aquaculture sector. The powers and functions of AFASA are as set out in Schedule 1 hereto.



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TINA JOEMAT-PETTERSSON

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

SCHEDULE 1

The powers and functions of the Abalone Farmers Association of South Africa will be to represent its member's interests and includes the following:

- Commenting on and making inputs on aquaculture policies, strategies, legislation and other documents as and when required;
- Assisting the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries with identifying research and other developmental needs for the abalone aquaculture sector;
- Raising funding to promote the Abalone Farmers Association of South Africa's objectives;
- Facilitating the establishment and implementation of certification programmes and food safety programmes;
- Representing its members in any other aquaculture related meetings, forums, workshops, symposia, etc;
- Acting as a formal channel of communication with government on issues related to the abalone aquaculture sector;
- Facilitating transformation in the sector through implementation of development programmes for previously disadvantaged abalone farmers;
- Promoting sound and fair labour practices on abalone farms and promoting socio-economic well being of farm workers and related communities;
- Encouraging its members to implement the Code of Conduct for Aquaculture in South Africa, and where applicable oversee the self-regulation of the abalone aquaculture sector;
- Promoting and marketing of abalone aquaculture sector products;
- Providing training for its members;
- Promoting networking and collating information that is relevant to the abalone aquaculture sector and dissemination thereof for the benefit of its members;
- Facilitating access to basic services for its members, e.g. animal health, environmental monitoring, extension, marketing, etc.

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